

SEEING UNDER THE SEA

This side-scan survey image shows the sunken fishing vessel FV Milky Way in about 180 feet of water approximately 5 miles off LaPush on Friday. The vessel appears as a ghostly white image (the sonar reflection) casting a black shadow, which reveals a better impression of the shape of the vessel. From the image, it appears that the vessel has settled upright on the sea floor. Debris is seen near the boat, along with evidence of gear, strewn along the floor. The survey of the vessel, which sank Wednesday, was conducted by researchers from Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary. Assistant Manager George Galasso led the survey team, which included Steve Intelmann, mapping and remote sensing specialist; Katie Brenkman, technician; and Andy Palmer, skipper of the research vessel Tatoosh.